

THE BAPTIST RECORD

BON MOZ.

Always "pressing toward the mark" should be the attitude and effort of every Christian. "Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

"Do good unto all men as you have opportunity, especially them of the household of faith." And even a cup of cold water, in the name of a disciple be well pleasing to our blessed Master.

Whoever loves God to that extent that it exerts a controlling influence in his life, will love God's creatures and especially God's children. The great product of this love is zeal for God and harmony and co-operation in work and effective work.

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The poverty of the poor in this country would not appear so conspicuous if it were not for the richness of the rich. That more than one half of the personal wealth of this country should be in the hands of less than one-sixtieth of the people argues bad either for the justness of our laws or the honest industry and economy of our people. Which?

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It has been pretty carefully figured out that it costs \$50,000,000 a year to run the churches and \$400,000,000 to run the jails, and the writer remarks: "We pay eight times as much for running our fellow-men down and jailing them as we do in trying to make them better so that they will not need the jail." Yes, that may be true, but what if we did not run the churches. In that case, in the judgment of all good people, three or four times \$400,000,000 would not suffice to run the "jails." The Lord be praised that we have good people and liberality enough to spend \$50,000,000 in running the churches, and may he so increase both that we may soon spend 50 millions more with the same good effect.

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BAPTISM, ITS MEANING AND USES.

BY E. T. HICCOX, D. D.

Baptism is that sacred rite, ordinance, or ceremony, by which Christ has appointed and ordained that his disciples shall profess their love and loyalty to him, and by which they may be admitted to membership in his churches. We are called "Baptists," because of some peculiar views we hold touching the form and uses of this rite, and the tenacity with which our people hold to these views as distinguished from other Christian denominations, these views being founded on, and drawn from the New Testament.

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN BAPTISM?

It is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit, and on a profession of his faith in Christ his Savior. That baptism is IMMERSION, and that nothing else is baptism, is abundantly proved by the use of the Greek word *BAPTIZO*, which means to immerse, and nothing else. The New Testament gives warrant for nothing else.

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blood of Christ. Infant baptism was originated because people believed the pernicious falsehood, that persons dying without baptism would be lost.

CHRIST ALONE CAN SAVE.

2. Baptism is received once for all, and not to be repeated. And yet cases may occur, where it becomes apparent afterwards that the person baptized was not a really converted person. If this becomes manifest the rite may be repeated, the candidate desiring it and the church agreeing thereto. The first act would be null and void because the candidate, being at the time of baptism, was not a duly qualified subject.

3. For many generations after Christ no form of baptism was known except immersion; nor were there any subjects, but believers. Sprinkling and other forms as substitutes, and infants and other unconverted subjects, were the abuses which arose with other false and foolish perversions of a pure Christianity after the apostolic age.

4. Persons cannot become members of a church without baptism, but persons may be baptized without becoming members of a church. This, however, is not good order, and should not be encouraged, certainly not where there is a church. Membership depends on a vote of the church to receive the candidates, ON BEING BAPTIZED. But they should be baptized into a church, except where there is none, or where they are baptized for the purpose of forming one.—Ex-charge.

THE STATE INTERDENOMINATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

BY E. L. WESSON.

The State Interdenominational Sunday School Association has just closed its session here, and now, before it gets cold, I want to give a few conclusions: 1. I can't say that any real benefit has been derived from the meetings. Some good things were said, some little enthusiasm was stirred, and we had a good social time. 2. There are some features about the working of the Association quite objectionable—at least to me. One is the privilege taken to assess the different Sunday Schools to defray expenses. This is done, I believe, by the county committee. 3. I notice that the talks are along the lines pursued in the denominational associations, etc.; that is, urging the necessity of more Sunday Schools, more interest in Sunday Schools, and better Sunday School work. 4. I notice that the whole thing is abnormally developed on the organization idea. The good things were said, some little enthusiasm was stirred, and we had a good social time. 2. 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STUDY TOPICS.—Unique position of Japan among heathen nations. Uprising of Buddhism and other religions in view of Christian missions. Danger of exaggerated views of missionary success. Languages and religious pre-conceptions barriers to mission effort. A Baptist opportunity.

JAPAN.

VEGETABLE AND ANIMAL LIFE. Japan has the oak, the pine, chestnut, beech, elm, cherry, maple, sycamore, cypress, and many varieties of trees common to our own country. It has bamboo, palms and many species of evergreen trees. The lands of Japan grow tea, cotton, rice, wheat, millet, potatoes, beans, peas, turnips, etc. In 1887 Japan's grain crop was estimated at 1,482,642,558 bushels.

The horse, the ox, and the cow, are used for the same domestic purposes as they are by the American people. There are wolves, foxes, and deer in Japan, and it has a great variety of birds much akin to those in the United States of America.—Rev. W. L. Pickard.

NO CRADLE IN JAPAN.

Japan is, for obvious reasons, furnitureless. It does not even know the cradle. As Diogenes made a cup of his hollow hand, so the Japanese mothers makes a cradle of the back of another child, an amputating, delightful cradle, where it stays from morning to night, and is un rhythmically rocked according to the chance and the sports which the day

offers to its patient and loving victim.—Missionary Review.

JAPANESE CHURCHES IN THIS COUNTRY.

In California there are four Japanese churches, with 316 members. Thirty-four were added during last year. There are 822 pupils in school, and 544 in the Sunday School. The contributions were \$3,823.—Missionary Review.

Many of the Japanese Christians are saying: "We have learned to distinguish between missionaries. We want no more missionaries to come to Japan with the purpose of showing us how to do it, and of assuming authority over us 'in any way.' But we do want many more broad-minded men and women who understand how to see things from our standpoint, how to sympathize with our ideas, and who are willing to work with us instead of over us!"—Gospel in All Lands.

"Rev. J. B. Porter, of Japan, see in the semi-revival of Buddhism in Japan one of the causes of the present slow progress of Christianity. It is not a revival in the sense of reformation, but an awakening to the necessity of defending itself. The enemy it most fears is Christianity, and every possible means is taken to remove the prejudice of the people against the teaching of Jesus. Buddhism was never more active in an intellectual way than at present, through the medium of the press and its schools."

"A thousand millions of human beings are yet unevangelized, dying at the rate of one every second. It is simply incredible that forty millions of Protestant church members can stand by and leave them thus to perish, unawed and unwarmed, if they believe in their lost condition. But if Buddhism and Brahmanism, Parseem and Confucianism, Fetishism, and Pantheism, are to be treated as simply different forms of one great universal religion, it is no marvel that Christian disciples do not stir themselves, though eighty thousand heathens and pagans die every day, and thirty millions every year."

DEAR RECORD:—I think it is the duty of pastors to induce the people among whom they labor to get and read good, sound literature. It would be well for all our pastors to get up clubs for the April number of the Seminary Magazine; (Broadus' Memorial). I procured quite a good list here. The books have come and I am well pleased. The first edition of five thousand were nearly all sold before they left the printers, and they are preparing to print more. Single copies twenty-five cents. In clubs of ten or more, twenty cents. All that is realized above the cost of getting it out goes to missions. It seems to me that at least a hundred thousand should be sold throughout our Southern Zion Adress Seminary Magazine, Louis ville, Ky.

Very truly,
J. M. PHILLIPS,
Shubuta, Miss.

KEPT.

"My Father which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hands. I and my Father are one." John 10:29-30.

This text I had chosen for the Sunday night's sermon. In the afternoon I was passing along the street meditating about the text. I heard a whizzing in the street and on looking saw a father riding on a bicycle with his little son standing on the chasers, the father having one arm around the son, while with the other he guided the bicycle. They were going with accelerating speed down the street, and I cried out, "Aren't you afraid your boy will fall?" "No, I will hold him," answered the father, as he sped his way to the spot of the street and over a bridge. In safety I saw them ascending the hill on the other side. I said to myself, "A good illustration. The boy is as safe as the father can make him." So Christ taught; "No man is able to pluck them (the children) out of my Father's hand." "Holy Father, keep through these names those whom thou hast given me;" "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation." —L. B. BURKE.

THE NEW MAN.

"Er—Mildred," he said a trifle nervously as his better half laid down the morning's paper and lighting a cigarette, prepared for her departure to the city. "Mildred, dear, do you think you could save me a little money to-day?"

His wife glanced at him impudently. "What, again, George?" she said. "Why, I only gave you your household allowance on—let me see—Thursday, wasn't it? Really, some of you men seem to think we women are made of money."

"You forget, my dear," he remarked, "there are the girl's wages, the water rate, and the children both want new boots."

" Didn't I give you the money for that?" she asked.

"No, dear, that was for the flannel for little Millie's warm petticoats I'm making."

"Bearded dear, I—don't be angry, when you stay from morning to night, and is un rhythmically rocked according to the chance and the sports which the day

offers to its patient and loving victim.—Missionary Review.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR AUDITOR.

We are authorized to announce the name of R. N. HARRIS as a candidate for the office of State Auditor for Mississippi, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR RAILROAD COMMISSIONER.

G. L. Donald, of Clark county, is a candidate for Railroad Commissioner, Second District, subject to the action of the Democratic party, would be glad to have your support.

We are authorized to announce B. E. DOWALD, of Ellisville, (Jones county,) as a candidate for Railroad Commissioner for the second district, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR STATE SENATOR.

We are authorized to announce (Capt.) W. H. HARDY, of this city, as a candidate for the office of State Senator to represent Lauderdale county in our State Legislature, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR SHERIFF.

We are authorized to announce R. M. BOUDREAU as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Lauderdale county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce Mr. ED. REED as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Lauderdale county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

LEON ASSESSOR.

We are authorized to announce the name of THEODORE J. McLAUGHLIN for the office of Assessor of Taxes of Lauderdale county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We take pleasure in announcing the name of Mr. T. G. L. KELLY, the present very efficient incumbent, for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Lauderdale county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce HODGE GULLY as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Lauderdale county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR CIRCUIT CLERK.

We are authorized to announce W. D. Cameron, a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lauderdale county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

By authority we announce Mr. A. C. COOPER as a candidate for the office of Circuit Clerk of Lauderdale county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

We are authorized to announce A. J. RUSSELL as a candidate for the legislature from the city of Meridian, Lauderdale County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR CHANCERY CLERK.

We are authorized to announce J. C. MOORE as a candidate for the office of Chancery Clerk of Lauderdale county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

The RECORD is authorized to announce R. V. WHITE a candidate for re-election to the office of Chancery Clerk of Lauderdale county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR TREASURER.

We are authorized to announce ROBERT E. HAERS as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Lauderdale county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

I announce myself a candidate for election to the office of Justice of the Peace of Beat 1, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

HENRY J. WOODS.

FOR SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT NO. 1.

We are authorized to announce J. R. ROYALS as a candidate for the office of Supervisor, District No. 1, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FROM CORINTH.

DEAR RECORD:—I have been intending for some time to write you a letter, but have delayed it from time to time. Corinth is greatly rejoicing over the great goodness of God shown us in a recent glorious meeting. The meeting was conducted by Mr. W. P. Flye, a Presbyterian evangelist, but all God's people were greatly blessed and built up spiritually. There has, up to date, been 52 additions to the churches of our city, of which number 17 joined the Baptist church. Bro. G. W. Knight, at the close of the other meeting, began a meeting at the Baptist church, but was taken sick and left for home this morning, much to the regret of every one. We pray God to speedily restore the good man to health and at His appointed time send him back to us. Bro. Knight preached the first sermon ever preached in the main auditorium of our new church building on Monday night, April 22, 1895. We are now occupying our church, and we rejoice and from our hearts say, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The building is grand, the acoustics perfect, and it has every convenience, and we, as God's people, have a righteous pride in it, because we built it to glorify our God and His cause. Our pastor, Bro. G. W. Riley, and his dear wife have gotten very close to our people, and together we are moving harmoniously forward, "happy on the way." Bro. Riley will continue the meeting begun by Bro. Knight during this week. God has graciously blessed Corinth church, and for every triumph and every

victory we praise Him both now and forever. Amen!

E. S. CANDLER, JR.
April 25, 1895.

LUTHER BENSON AT EASTA-BUCHIE.

DEAR BRO. HACKETT:—Luther Benson lectured here in the Baptist church Sunday and Monday nights. The church was filled both nights, especially so Sunday night, as many could not get seats in the house. I think his lecture has done a great deal of good here. All were delighted with it.

ORDINATION OF REV. A. L. O'BRIANT.

On the 21st day of April, 1895, the Clifton Baptist church called to ordination Bro. A. L. O'Briant, who is a member of that church.

The ordaining presbytery consisted of Rev. I. H. Aading from Crystal Springs church, Rev. Z. T. Leavell and Rev. Geo. Whitfield.

The examination of Bro. O'Briant by the presbytery previous to his ordination was rigid and thorough and very satisfactory to the church.

Bro. O'Briant is now commanded to the love and affectionate regard of Baptists and Christians everywhere as a regularly ordained minister of the gospel of Christ; and may the blessings of our Lord rest upon him and upon all among whom, in God's providence, he may be called to labor.

GEORGE WHITFIELD,

Clerk Clinton Baptist church.

THE WEST POINT MEETING.

DEAR RECORD:—Evangelist Geo. H. Simmons closed with us last night one of the most successful meetings ever held in our city. Up to date there have been 55 conversions and 30 backsliders reclaimed.

All Christians joined heartily in the work. We feel that the influence of this meeting will live through eternity.

As Bro. Simmons is a stranger in our midst, I wish to commend him to the brethren as safe and sound. He enlarges on repentance and faith. He has completely captured our little city. Especially has he taken a strong hold on our young men. He was greeted by crowded houses at every service.

He goes from us to commence a meeting in Texarkana, Tex.

in Christ.

J. L. SNODLERS,
West Point, Miss., May 1, 1895.

THEILLS OF LIFE.

A NEW EDITION OF THIS FAMOUS WORK ON FAMILY MEDICINE.

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Thousands of households in all parts of the United States will recognize Dr. Hartman's *Ills of Life* as a household blessing and guide.

This little book has gone to an untold multitude of families.

Dr. Hartman has lately revised and illustrated this book, which he now offers to his many patients and patrons free of charge. It is brim full of practical advice for the family and points out a cure for many chronic and intractable diseases. No persons afflicted with any chronic ailment, of however long standing or severe, should fail to read this book carefully. The illustrations given of various parts of the human body convey to the human mind of the average the principal facts of health and disease. No book of its size has ever been published that contains so much valuable information of such practical and every day use. Name and address should be plainly written and the book will be sent free, postpaid.

THE MEDICINE SPRINGER.

Take Peru-na every spring for the blood.. It purifies and enriches the blood, invigorates the nerves, and regulates digestion. A course against the depressing influences of the first hot days of spring. It prevents disease by fortifying the system. It cures disease by cleansing the system. Send for free book on cancer address Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio.

DIED

Bro. Joseph Boon was born September 14, 1847. Was baptized into the fellowship of Rehoboth church, Lawrence county, Miss., by Rev. S. Morris, September 4, 1885. Died March 8, 1895, at his home near Try Us, Lawrence county, Miss. Bro. Boon was very quiet a citizen, neighbor, husband, parent and Christian. Was loved and respected in every relation of life. None would have been missed more by his pastor, always in his seat, unless hindered, and ready to help.

He left a loving wife and eight children, the two youngest under three months old. He was an excellent provider at home and left his family well supplied with temporal things.

PASTOR.

Little Corinne Sisk, of congestion, at her home in Taylor, Miss., April 17, 1895. Corinne was nine years old, and an interesting and lovable

child. She was an only girl of five children. May God's grace be sufficient for the bereaved parents.

W. I. HARGIS.

(o—o)

Capt. W. W. Calmes is dead. With this brief statement is announced an irreparable loss to his family, his friends and the community in which he lived.

The subject of this sketch was born in Lawrence, S. C., in 1826, but moved to Noxubee county, Miss., in his early manhood, where he resided an honored and beloved citizen to the day of his death. He was twice married, first to Miss Virginia Pickens Pratt, of Newberry, S. C., on the 12th day of December, 1848, with whom he lived happily until April 30, 1862, when his gentle spirit returned to the bosom of the everlasting God.

He was married the second time on September 20, 1870, to Miss Anna Wallace, of Brooksville, Miss., a lovely Christian woman, who has predeceased him to that "rest which cometh of God."

I would that an abler pen than mine might tell of the life of this man, the memory of whom will ever rest like a sacred benediction on those who loved him and knew him best. It was the good fortune of the writer to know him intimately, and when I recall the many kindly qualities that made him the peer of any man whom I have ever known, I am persuaded that the sympathetic heart and charitable hand adorned his most.

When the trump of God shall wake earth's weary sleepers, and the sense of man's work be declared before the throne of the Great King, I fancy many a hungry orphan and weary widow will gladly testify that when they were aghast and hungrier than man can tell, this man fed them. On

the morning of March 4, 1895, God's finger touched him and he slept" and "after life's fitful fever he sleeps well."

How beautiful it is for man to die Upon the walls of Zion, to be called, Like a watchword and weary sentinel, To put his armor off and rest in heaven."

ONE WHO LOVED HIM.

April 28, 1895.

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At her home, near Westville, Simpson county, Miss., April 4, 1895, Sister Margaret Traylor, wife of Bro. Nathan Traylor. She was in her 55th year; she was a faithful and loving wife; a real helpmeet to her husband. Six respectable and loving children attest her fidelity and patience as a mother.

A large crowd of her neighbors, together with many relatives gathered around her grave to pay a last tribute of respect to her memory.

All seemed to feel that in her death they had sustained a personal loss.

She was a faithful and exemplary Christian for forty-one years and a patient sufferer.

She leaves a husband and six children to mourn their loss; but her spirit is happy with him who gave it.

J. R. CARTER,

Hebron, Miss.

Now, stranger, come to Lukas Spring a summer, and Lukas Spring does not meet all your requirements and even more.

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